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SUBJECT: UN/SUDAN SANCTIONS: LONDON CONSIDERING
ALTERNATIVES TO QATAR'S SANCTIONS PROPOSAL

REF: A. USUN 1004
[1](#)B. MORRIS-SANDAGE EMAIL

Classified By: AMBASSADOR JACKIE WOLCOTT, FOR REASONS: 1.4(B) AND (D).

[1](#)1. (C) This is an action request, please see paragraph 5.

[1](#)2. (C) Prompted by Qatar's stated interest in pursuing Security Council sanctions on JEM leader Khalil Ibrahim and SLM faction leader Abdelwahid el-Nur for their failure to attend the UN/AU-led Darfur mediation talks in Sirte, Libya, as described in Ref A, the UK convened USUN and French PolOffs on November 14 to consider a coordinated response.

[1](#)3. (C) According to UK PolOff, London's position was that any Council action on targeted sanctions before Jan Eliasson's scheduled briefing to the Security Council on November 27 would be premature. However, if Ibrahim and Abdelwahid had not "changed their position" by the time of Eliasson's briefing, London would be willing to support sanctions on a broad list of individuals who have violated resolution 1591 (2005), including the two rebels. London opined that the threat of sanctions would send a strong signal to all parties to cooperate and would help maintain pressure on Khartoum. UK PolOff did not know whether London would propose names for designation pending the outcome of the Eliasson briefing or only act if Qatar acts. USUN requested clarification of this point. London also felt that the P3 should be prepared with a counterproposal if Qatar made good on its stated intent to seek Council sanctions on only Ibrahim and Abdelwahid, and supported early P3 discussion of an alternative list of names given the length of time it has taken in the past for the P3 to agree to a common position.

[1](#)4. (C) French PolOff stated that Paris too would only consider new sanctions on the basis of Eliasson's briefing, but was nonetheless willing to work with the P3 to prepare for possible action on a balanced list of names. The French also mentioned to USUN privately that Paris was considering whether to propose sanctions on Ali Kushaib, which would represent a departure from their position earlier this year not to pursue sanctions that could negatively impact the ICC process. French PolOff said that it had become clear to Paris that Sudan would not be cooperating with the ICC on the arrest of the indictees, including Ali Kushaib.

[1](#)5. (C) Action Request: USUN seeks guidance on how to respond to the UK's proposal and on whether the Department supports

developing a list of names for possible sanctions as a counterproposal to possible Qatari action to designate Khalil Ibrahim and SLM faction leader Abdelwahid el-Nur in the Sudan Sanctions Committee or in the Security Council.
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